

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 769

BY SENATOR CHEEK

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Provides relative to the crime of aggravated arson. (8/15/10)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:51, relative to aggravated arson; to provide relative to injury to persons; to provide relative to injury to firefighters, law enforcement officers, and first responders; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:51 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§51. Aggravated arson

Aggravated arson is the intentional damaging by any explosive substance or the setting fire to any structure, watercraft, or movable whereby:

(1) It is foreseeable that human life might be endangered;

(2) A person suffers great bodily harm, or permanent disability or disfigurement; or

(3) A firefighter, law enforcement officer or first responder who is present at the scene and acting in the line of duty is injured.

Whoever commits the crime of aggravated arson shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than six nor more than twenty years, and shall be fined not more than twenty-five thousand dollars. Two years of such imprisonment at hard labor

1 shall be without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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#### DIGEST

Present law provides that aggravated arson is the intentional damaging by any explosive substance or the setting fire to any structure, watercraft, or movable whereby it is foreseeable that human life might be endangered.

Proposed law provides that aggravated arson is the intentional damaging by any explosive substance or the setting fire to any structure, watercraft, or movable whereby:

- (1) It is foreseeable that human life might be endangered;
- (2) A person suffers great bodily injury or permanent disability or disfigurement; or
- (3) Any firefighter, law enforcement officer, or first responder acting in the line of duty at the scene is injured.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law .

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 14:51)